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The Honorable Ralph S. Northam  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia  
Patrick Henry Building  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Northam:

I am pleased to report that the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library has approved the Commonwealth of Virginia's request to place a statue of Barbara Rose Johns in the National Statuary Hall Collection, replacing the statue of Robert E. Lee removed in December 2020, under the provisions of Virginia resolutions SJ288 and HJ525.

I look forward to working with the Commonwealth of Virginia as we move through the approval process for the new statue and pedestal. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

J. Brett Blanton  
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